

## **Presentation Abstract**

**Session Title: Improving Quantitative Information for the California Water Plan**

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### **Overview: Improving Quantitative Information for the California Water Plan**

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This presentation describes the current efforts underway by the California Department of Water Resources to improve the analytical framework for future Updates of the California Water Plan. During the development of Update 2005 it became clear that analytical tool and data development has not kept pace with the growing public awareness of the complexity and interaction between water-related issues. The use of scenarios to describe several different plausible futures has emerged as a vital piece of this future work. In addition, a critical issue facing California is the need for better tools and data to produce useful information about and explore relationships between *supply reliability, environmental objectives, water quality, economic performance, social equity objectives, and hydrologic uncertainties*. Staff is working with technical experts and the Water Plan Advisory Committee to develop both a short-term analytical approach for the next Water Plan Update and a long-term vision.